

TO BE PLAIN.

Now, gentlemen with the bank accounts, why do you propose that Senator Mitchell shall be defeated? Is it because he stands squarely upon the republican platform? Is it because the Bryan forces demand his defeat? Is it because he carried Oregon for McKinley? Is it because his services in the senate have been, as the Oregonian states, "of great value to the state?" Is it because he is one of the strongest advocates of the Nicaragua canal? These things may be serious enough faults in your eyes, but are they sufficient to justify your course in making popular government a farce?

The defeat of Mitchell, should he be defeated by the revolutionary tactics employed by your hired men, means more than the defeat of Mitchell. It means a touch too much of Simonism. It means that the republican party must be thoroughly purged of your influence, or the people of the state will reject it.

Your very fight against Senator Mitchell entitles him to the support of the citizens real representatives. There are other good men for senator and long service commands opposition as well as support. But his defeat means the success of your fight. Your opposition is the opposition of selfishness, of revenge, of corruption. Your cause is as detestable as your methods.

It is believed that you will fail—that Mr. Mitchell will be returned. How far your material influence has operated, of course, cannot yet be known. But there is a healthy spirit in the support accorded Mr. Mitchell that will not be vanquished and that will fight until the legislature adjourns.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Those citizens of Corvallis who have criticised the local papers for condemning the appointment and management of H. B. Miller, as president of the Agricultural College, are beginning to realize that there is really something wrong, and that the right way to remedy the trouble is to expose it.

The citizen who takes a proper pride and interest in the institution is not he who regards it simply as a source of revenue to the town. They who do not wish the truth to be told for fear some money-spending students will be kept away, are not mindful of the welfare of the college, as they profess, but of their own pocket books. And even then they are short sighted. Earnest protests against the selection of Mr. Miller were made before his appointment by the board. These protests came from every part of the state. They were not prompted by personal or political enmity. It was manifest to all that political consideration alone dictated the action of the board. The protest was against making our state institution of learning an asylum for superannuated politicians.

When President Miller assumed charge, at the beginning of the school year, the papers ceased their criticisms and he was given every opportunity for making his administration a success. Time proved, however, that his experience in practical politics could not compensate for his total lack of training in the arts of instructing and governing. Familiarity with railroad work was of no help to the new director of the experiment station. In short, his management was a sorry failure, and the Corvallis newspapers, as honest public journals, said as much. This course naturally aroused some antagonism and the GAZETTE had the honor to incur the special displeasure of President Miller and his friends, and the criticism of several apprehensive citizens. A boycott against this paper was attempted and several means were tried to cause it to forego its comments. These efforts to frighten the managers of the paper invite a brief declaration.

THE GAZETTE is a business enterprise—not a charity institution. Its managers expect to give value for every dollar received, and rely wholly upon the merits of the paper, not upon sympathy or pity, for support. They have adopted a policy which will be continued and they certainly have no idea of changing that policy for the sake of a few subscriptions.

Public duty is the watchword of this paper and certainly the duty to the state demands that grave faults in connection with one of its leading educational institutions be exposed, not covered up.

PATRIOTISM AT A PRICE.

Those good citizens of Benton county who draw their political inspiration from the Oregonian and who doubt the republicanism of John H. Mitchell, will certainly be grieved to learn that the Oregonian is republican for revenue only.

When business men and farmers of Oregon were contributing to the campaign fund last fall, when the country papers throughout the state were fighting their best for the republican ticket without remuneration, when John H. Mitchell and other gallant leaders went over the state in a long and trying campaign, preaching the gospel of republicanism at their own expense, the Oregonian demanded and received six thousand dollars for supporting McKinley and Hobart.

The Oregonian is mercenary and it is the organ of a mercenary crowd—a crowd that has grown opulent at the expense of the people of Oregon and especially of the taxpayers of Multnomah county. The Oregonian affects public virtue and poses as the advocate of public economy, but it has been notoriously silent concerning the transparent jobbery in the big public works contracts, while it attacks furiously salaries and fees of officers here and there who have incurred its displeasure. It strains at gnats and swallows camels.

Of course the Oregonian opposes Senator Mitchell. It has always opposed him. Mr. Mitchell has offended the crowd that dictates the policy of the Oregonian. They are spending money freely to defeat him. Their very opposition ought to bring to his support every true citizen. We ought to love him for the enemies he has made.

The Oregonian's pretense that it opposes Senator Mitchell because it doubts his future position on the money question is the veriest humbuggery. It opposes him because he and Harvey Scott are personal enemies, because it is paid to oppose him, because the Oregonian's mortgagee has senatorial aspirations, and because Mr. Mitchell is supported by those who are fighting the Portland corruptionists.

In Lyman P. Gage, as secretary of the treasury, McKinley has found a worthy successor to Carlisle. It did not need Mr. Gage's published interview to convince the people that he is opposed to dangerous foolishness concerning currency matters. Mr. Carlisle was the clearest exponent of sound finance that took part in the recent campaign and yet not a great while before, he was the most intense advocate of free silver. Indeed, Carlisle's former speeches made the best campaign documents the Bryanites could scatter. And still the Oregonian advocated Carlisle's election as senator from Kentucky. Oh, consistency, thy name is not Scott!

THE Oregonian spitefully urges the removal of the Agricultural college to Eastern Oregon. This removes all fear that the attempt will be successful. The trouble with the college is not its location, and the institution itself is doing a good work, considering the handicap of an incompetent president. A stupid and honorless governor of Oregon has cast a temporary shade upon the college in attempting to further his own political ambitions, but the shadow is swallowing itself up.

THE governor of Oregon, who pays his political debts with judicial and educational appointments, is daily closeted with Jonathan Bourne and Joe Simon, conniving against the welfare of the state. These two sagacious Portland political bosses openly boast of having the governor in a position where they can control his every executive act, and there is plenty of evidence for believing that they state the truth with regard to their ownership of the governor.

"God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform" is a familiar quotation, whose application is best illustrated by the Oregonian's present attitude. Harvey, within the past month, has learned to love populism very greatly interested in the election of a "sound money" senator.

If Senator Mitchell is not the choice of the majority in the legislature why should his opposers fear his election? If he is the choice, why is he not entitled to the election? On what just grounds can the obstructionists excuse their action?

SIMONISM, BOURNISM and populism have conspired against republicanism. It is a case of boodle, lawlessness and anarchy arrayed against the representatives of decency, law and order and honest government.

THE silver forces at Salem would rather elect the devil than John H. Mitchell. Republicans are expected to aid them.

THE Agricultural College is finely endowed, splendidly equipped and has an efficient corps of instructors. An incompetent head retards the growth rather than impairs the efficiency of the institution.

COL. J. B. Eddy has purchased an interest in the Roseburg Plaindealer. Col. Eddy is an experienced newspaper man and will be a valuable addition to an already successful paper.

It may be wisdom to sacrifice the material interests of the state for a mere doubt that has no reason for being, but those who decline to think so cannot be called cranks.

It seems possible that the only bills that will amount to anything in the present legislative assembly, will be those passed by the Honorable Mr. Corbett.

HOFFER and Scott are now busy burying the hatchet. They are mutually interested in the election of a "sound money" senator.

Wells Items.

Dr. Lee, of Corvallis, was down here one day this week examining candidates for the Artisans.

Winter still hangs on and a good many of the farmers' faces are getting as long as the moral law.

The organizer for the United Artisans has been here for the last week, working in the interest of that society. He has secured eighteen new members.

The literary society here has started a paper with L. Wilson as editor. Look out, boys, for locals, as the editor has already engaged Ed Pitts to do his fighting.

The "shadow" social at the Grange hall on the 29th was well attended and everybody reports a good time. The sociable was given by the school for the benefit of their organ. They cleared \$14.80.

WELLS.

Philomath Items.

Rev. Parker returned from Hood River Thursday.

H. H. Cronise, of Corvallis, was in the city Sunday.

Ed L. Bryan attended court at Toledo last week.

Ike Smith, of Corvallis, has moved onto the Mose Gregson ranch.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the college chapel with good results.

Miss Lottie Hurlburt, of Linn county, came yesterday to attend the college of Philomath.

Chicken pox is prevalent in town. Quite a number of children are kept from school from this cause.

County Salaries.

A petition is being circulated, favoring cutting down the salaries of county officers to the following bedrock prices: Judge, \$500; clerk, \$300; recorder, \$300; treasurer, \$300; sheriff, \$1,200; school superintendent, \$400; assessor, \$600.

There are tramps in town every day who would be willing to serve the county as officers at these salaries or even for less. Taking out the discount on county warrants and campaign expenses, the clerk would receive at the mentioned salary, about \$600 per year. This will strike many as being extravagant. There is any number of hired girls who receive less than \$200 per year.

The proposed salary for the school superintendent approaches nearer to real economy. His salary would net him, less discount and campaign expenses, about \$250 per year. His expense in purchasing and keeping a horse and buggy would reduce this to about \$175 per year, or \$15 per month. If the superintendent is a single man, "batches," shaves himself, and does his own washing, he ought to live on that. A stop must be put to the practice of greedy office holders waxing fat and getting married at the expense of the taxpayers.

Driving Devils Out.

A Quaker gentleman, when asked "Who invented gunpowder?" replied, "The devil." The prince of darkness must have ground his teeth in rage during the present week when he found himself driven from numberless towns by his own concoction of carbon and salt-peter.

The Corvallis Chinamen have bombarded the old sinner as fiercely as their present scanty incomes could afford, added to a great extent by the numerous small white boy. Firecrackers and bombs have said to the spear-tailed worker of evil, "Go." It is presumed that he obeyed.

The Chinamen opened their hearts and houses with the first explosion and their white friends were treated to "China gins," sweetmeats, nuts and cigars. Give the yellow boys half a chance and they prove hospitable hosts.

May their crackers succeed. Corvallis certainly is growing tired of the devil and all his local works.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to do to help the poor? Send your idea to the editor of the Corvallis Gazette, Box 100, Corvallis, Oreg. and list of two hundred names will be sent.

THE FIRE FIGHTERS.

Officers and Doings of the Various Companies.

The board of fire delegates of the city of Corvallis met Tuesday night and transacted its monthly business. The board consists of S. L. Kline, H. O. Carver and C. E. Small, of Young America company, and T. O. Zeis, Luther Smith and H. L. Holgate, of the Hook & Ladder company. S. L. Kline is president and Luther Smith, secretary.

The annual election of chief engineer and assistant occurs on the second Saturday of March, and the board appointed the following judges: C. E. Small, John Warner, Geo. Moore and Dick Smith. According to custom, Young America will this year choose the two engineers, and the election will really be only formal. The company has selected Taylor Porter for chief and E. A. Sheagreen for assistant. B. W. Johnson is the present chief and Joe Smith is assistant.

THE H. AND L. COMPANY.

This company has about 40 active members. The present officers are: President, Geo. W. Denman; vice president, Frank Conover; recording secretary, H. L. Holgate; financial secretary, Brady Burnett; treasurer, Dick Smith; foreman, Miles Phillips. At their regular meeting on the third Monday of this month, the evening, after the business meeting, will be devoted to a mock trial, to which all members of the department are invited.

YOUNG AMERICA.

The engine company has increased its membership lately and is now in good condition. Its officers are: President, C. E. Small, vice-pres., Oren Clark; secretary, C. G. Porter; treasurer, J. Blumberg; foreman, Taylor Porter.

LADIES' COFFEE CLUB.

The ladies' company has proved its usefulness as an aid to a volunteer fire organization. It has a large membership. The officers are: Mrs. J. B. Lee, president, Miss Mattie Avery, secretary, and Miss Sarah Jacobs, treasurer. This evening the club gives a social at Fireman's hall.

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Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that for the purpose of making an examination of all persons who may offer themselves as candidates for teachers of the schools of this county, the county school superintendent at the county courthouse, Corvallis, Oregon, beginning at one o'clock, Wednesday, February 10, 1897. Teachers eligible to state certificates, state diplomas, must present recommendations and make application at the same time. Applicants not present at the opening will not be permitted to take the examination.

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A New Book.

Literary circles are excited over the probable publication of a new book, "My Experience as a Legislator," by Hon. John Whitaker, representative elect from Benton.

It is said on good authority that Mr. Whitaker has been inside the capitol building at least three times, and that he speaks from personal knowledge concerning the way to make laws, taking on those occasions witnessed the routine work of the senate.

Mr. Whitaker's book will describe in detail the great saving he has accomplished for Secretary Kincaid, the railroad commissioners, the fish commissioners and other feed and salaried attaches of the state, by helping to prevent organization.

"Saving," says Bourne's benighted Bentonian, "is saving." And as he sits at Mr. Bourne's sumptuous tables, so lavishly provided with wines and delicacies at Corbett's expense, he proudly pats his expanding stomach and smiles in pitying contempt at the "country jays" in Benton, who "can't understand the motives of we statesmen."

All this will appear in the forthcoming book.

Mr. Flett went down to Mr. Luther's and secured the shoes and rubbers mentioned in last week's GAZETTE, but the shoes were too small to have been worn by Jas. Eglin and he never wore rubbers. Mr. Flett does not consider that the shoes throw any light whatever on the mysterious disappearance.

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